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1. GUIDANCE RECEIVED BY DAO IN SECDEF MESSAGE
121706Z JAN 76 REGARDING PRICING OF TUITION FOR
TRAINING OF FOREIGN MILITARY STUDENTS IN U.S.
CAUSES US CONSIDERABLE CONCERN THAT \$200,000
BUDGETED FY 1976 AND \$200,000 PROJECTED FOR '77
WILL BE INADEQUATE TO FINANCE A TRAINING LEVEL
FOR AFGHAN STUDENTS SATISFACTORY FOR OUR POLICY
NEEDS.

2. FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS BETWEEN 14-17 AFGHAN
MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SENT FOR TRAINING TO
THE U.S. THIS IS SMALL BA
VIABLE COUNTER TO
MASSIVE SOVIET INFLUENCE OVER AFGHAN MILITARY.
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ENTIRETY OF EQUIPMENT FOR AFGHAN MILITARY

FORCES, AND VIRTUALLY ALL TRAINING.) EFFEC-
TIVENESS AND IMPORTANCE OF U.S. TRAINING DEMON-
STRATED BY FACT THAT FOUR "NATIONAL LEVEL"
OFFICER POSITIONS CURRENTLY ARE HELD BY U.S.
TRAINEES, NONE RPT NONE BY SOVIET-TRAINED
PERSONNEL. WE NOTICE ALSO THAT RECENT RETURNEES
FROM U.S. HAVE BEEN PLACED IN KEY, HIGHLY VISIBLE
POSITIONS WITHIN MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

3. NUMBER OF AFGHAN MILITARY TRAINEES GOING TO
U.S. CANNOT BE CUT WITHOUT SERIOUS IMPACT UPON
OVERALL U.S. PRESENCE HERE. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT
CURRENT STUDENT INPUT LEVELS BE MAINTAINED.
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